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Three-peat

Campbell, Liberals take reins for third term

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Gordon Campbell greets supporters at the new Vancouver Convention Centre last night after winning a third term as premier.

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Gordon Campbell has three-peated as premier of British Columbia as his Liberals edged Carole James' New Democrats 50-35 to return to power for another four years.

By press time, 8,264 of 10,824 polls had been counted.

"We have to work together to solve the challenges that are in front of us. We should do that with new ideas. We should do that with a commitment to the people who we actually owe this to — our kids and our grandkids," said Campbell, who was accompanied by his family at a raucous election night celebration party last night at the new Vancouver Convention Centre.

Campbell won his riding of Vancouver-Point Grey with about 50 per cent of votes and saw most members of the Liberal cabinet get re-elected.

"In just eight months tonight, we'll be here in Vancouver, British Columbia and the worlds' eyes will be on us," Campbell said. "That Olympic torch will go through our streets and it will arrive at the opening ceremonies and it will light up not just the aspirations of our athletes and our artists, it will light up the opportunities of British Columbia and Canada in welcoming the world to our home."

"If we work together, we will all get a gold medal."

In Victoria, New Democrat Leader Carole James thanked her supporters and said that for her, this election has been about families.

"It's been such an honour to meet and work with thousands of British Columbians throughout this campaign. To share their struggles and to share their successes and to look forward to a better future," James said.

Carole won her riding with more than 55 per cent of the vote in Victoria-Beacon Hill.

In 2005, the Liberals captured their second consecutive majority government, winning 46 out of 79 seats.

Popular vote

- Liberals: 45.73%
- NDP: 42.13%
- Greens: 8.18%
- 8,264 polls of 10,824

Delta South district razor close

RECOUNT? Political pundits were calling for a tight race between Liberal Wally Oppal and Independent Vicki Huntington in Delta South — and that's just what they got.

Oppal

Huntington

At press time the attorney general and his Independent opponent were separated by a fraction of a percentage point, with Oppal at 42.29 per cent and Huntington at 42.21 per cent.

A recount is almost certain. METRO VANCOUVER

New electoral system rejected

REFERENDUM British Columbians voted "No" to changing the way candidates are elected.

The proposed B.C.-STV system was rejected after it failed to meet both necessary thresholds.

By press time, only four of the province's electoral districts voted "Yes," while 44 rejected it. To pass, 51 of B.C.'s 85 electoral districts had to approve it.

The B.C.-STV system also garnered less than 40 per cent of the popular vote — 20 per cent short of the amount needed.

B.C.-STV supporter, Green Party of B.C. Deputy Leader Damian Kettlewell, said the defeat could mean the current system is here to stay.

"We lost the chance for electoral reform," Kettlewell said. METRO VANCOUVER

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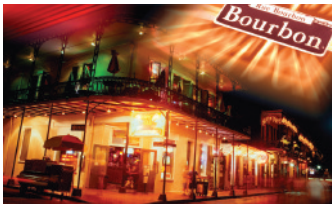

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4 new flu cases in B.C.
Four new cases of influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, were confirmed in B.C. yesterday, bringing the total number of cases here to 83. Three of the new cases are in northern B.C. and one is in Metro Vancouver. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

twitter

Grits spared after illegal Twittering

The Liberals violated B.C.'s Election Act by posting on Twitter on election day, but won't be punished because they quickly deleted their tweets after being contacted by election officials. Section 233 of the act prohibits candidates, parties and third-party sponsors from advertising on election day. It carries a maximum fine of $10,000 or imprisonment for up to one year. METRO VANCOUVER

No charges after leak of Olympic document

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INVESTIGATION No charges will be laid in connection with a leaked city document containing confidential information about a $100-million loan for the Olympic Village, police said yesterday.

Const. Dave Jakeway, an investigator in the case, said there wasn't enough evidence to press charges because some councillors refused to take a polygraph test.

In November, police were asked by then-mayor Sam Sullivan to investigate how the document — which belonged to Coun. Peter Ladner — disappeared from a closed-door city hall meeting and wound up several days later on the desk of Coun. B.C. Lee.

Details of the document, which pertained to a $100-million bailout loan from the city to the Olympic Village's developer, were leaked to media.

The police report stated that most people interviewed by investigators believed the document was deliberately taken from the meeting by a city councillor.

Investigators wouldn't say which councillors refused to take the polygraph test.

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James gracious in defeat

Says future as leader of New Democrats remains to be seen

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NDP Leader Carole James began her concession speech last night by thanking the thousands of British Columbians who volunteered during the campaigns, calling them the unsung heroes of democracy.

"I grew up believing politics and community service is a noble cause," James said in Victoria. "Win or lose, NDP or Liberal, Green or Independent, those of you who … volunteer perform an amazing public service."

James was defeated last night by Liberal Leader Gordon Campbell, who has been elected premier for his third straight term.

"Obviously I'm disappointed. I hoped we'd win," she said.

"But I'm proud of the work we did in this campaign and we're going to continue to represent the people of British Columbia."

James also thanked all the voters who "weighed in on the issues."

"There's no better measure of a citizen than standing up for what you believe in," she said. "Keep speaking out between elections because democracy isn't something that happens every four years."

As for whether she'll continue on as NDP leader, James said it remains to be seen.

In the meantime, she said all parties need to reconcile their differences and come together for the betterment of all British Columbians.

"Neither the Liberals nor NDP has a monopoly on the hearts of B.C.," she said. "We cannot go forward if we are divided."

KYLE STAFFORD/REUTERS

B.C. NDP Leader Carole James is embraced by her husband, Al Gerow, after being defeated in yesterday's provincial elections in Victoria.

Former police chief takes Vancouver-Fraserview

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Vancouver

VICTORY Former West Vancouver police chief Kash Hall received a rock-star reception from supporters last night as he won his Vancouver-Fraserview riding with just under half of all votes.

Supporters, carrying signs and chanting his name, gathered at Fraserview Hall in South Vancouver last night to celebrate the 53-year-old's victory, which was announced around 9:30 p.m.

Hall received 49.45 per cent of votes, Gabriel Yiu of the NDP received 45.55 per cent and Jodie Emery of the Green party received 4.45 per cent.

Hall arrived with his wife and daughter and began his acceptance speech by dedicating his win to his mother. He then thanked his supporters.

"I will not let you down, I promise," he said, asking them to provide constant feedback via email and telephone calls.

And when things are looking grim or doubtful, he said to remember three words made famous by a politician south of us: "Yes we can."

Before joining the West Vancouver police in August 2007, Heed served as a Vancouver police officer for nearly three decades.

He headed the drug squad and gang violence task force and was instrumental in advancing the department's CompStat program, used to track crime.

Heed lives in Richmond with his wife and daughter.

ANDREW WOO/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Former West Vancouver police chief Kash Heed celebrates his win of the Vancouver-Fraserview riding with his wife and daughter yesterday.

News in brief

VAN DONGEN Liberal MLA John van Dongen stole new riding Abbotsford South from NDP candidate Bonnie Jasiver Rai last night. Van Dongen, who served as MLA in the now-dissolved Abbotsford-Clayburn riding, stepped down as solicitor general last month after his driver's licence was revoked because of excessive speeding tickets.

NEW RIDINGS The Liberals took four seats and the NDP two in B.C.'s newest electoral districts. Six ridings were added in B.C. this year, including Coquitlam-Burke Mountain and Surrey-Fleetwood.

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Greens stay hopeful despite poor showing

MINÉ SALKIN
for Metro Vancouver

ELECTION The Green party failed to win any seats — or come close to contending — despite running a candidate in every B.C. electoral district.

It received just more than eight per cent of the popular vote, about one per cent less than in 2005.

Damian Kettlewell, deputy leader of the Green party of B.C., said members remain hopeful they'll elect candidates in 2013.

"The Greens succeeded in delivering a message of leadership, and we represent an awakening not only on the importance of the environment, but also on preventative measures to combat crime," he said.

According to Kettlewell, the party took a new approach in its platform to reform drug-prohibition laws.

"We address the root causes, and the rash of gang violence in the last three months has been a direct result of prohibition and the fact that it hasn't, and will never work," he said.

Kwon wins 4th term in landslide

KELSEA BLOXAM
for Metro Vancouver

VICTORY NDP candidate Jenny Kwon took the Vancouver-Mount Pleasant riding yesterday, winning her fourth term as MLA.

Kwon said she had mixed feelings during the NDP election party at the Hilton Metrotown last night.

"I feel very humbled and privileged to have the people return me to office for the fourth time now … We didn't win government and it is a disappointment," she said.

She labels her riding as a place where activism is what makes the people.

Kwon had a landslide victory, winning 46.1 per cent of the vote, compared to 21 per cent for Liberal rival Sherry Wieve.

Greenhouse gas watchdog chides Ottawa
Canada has overstated how effective its efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions will be, the country's top environmental watchdog said yesterday. REUTERS

Canada

Flaherty expects more job losses

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said yesterday he expects more job losses in coming months, after an unexpected employment gain in April. "We're looking at a general trend in the economy during the recession where we are going to have increasing job losses until we start to have economic growth recovering. That's the reality," Flaherty said in the House of Commons. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Private profits, public purse

Corporations overpay taxes to collect federal cash, report suggests

Some of Canada's largest corporations may be using the government as a high-yield investment account by deliberately overpaying on their annual tax returns to collect favourable interest rates, the federal auditor general says.

In each of the last three years, top businesses have realized a $30-million windfall by paying a total of $4 billion into accounts managed by the Canada Revenue Agency that cover them in the event their tax returns are reassessed.

The accounts have paid an interest rate of between five and seven per cent since 2006. The rate is considerably more favourable than that offered by the banks.

Auditor general Sheila Fraser said it appears corporations were well aware of the favourable treatment they were getting with their federal accounts, though it is difficult to prove any company has set out to bilk taxpayers.

"No one asked the corporations or tried to determine what the motivation was, but I think we can probably arrive at that conclusion," she told reporters. "The agency did try to return the money to them and they declined."

Fraser even joked that there could be an influx of chief financial officers looking to stash money in Ottawa in the wake of her report.

"I'm not sure in this economic time that a lot of corporations have a lot of cash to deposit with the Canada Revenue Agency, but there are obviously some and the agency has to manage this."

The agency, which collects federal tax money, has suspected that corporations were aware of their higher interest rates since at least 1991, but it has done nothing to safeguard the federal treasury. Revenue agency officials trying to return the advance payments to firms are powerless if the company opts to leave the account open. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Priorities

- Fraser suggested that the Canada Revenue Agency is more focused on collecting tax dollars than returning overpayments to companies.

Foreign buyer can bid on Nortel: MP

INDUSTRY A foreign buyer is welcome to bid on Nortel Networks Corp. as long as any such offer passes national security tests and is of net benefit to Canada, Industry Minister Tony Clement said yesterday.

"If a foreign company, for instance, wishes to purchase all or part of Nortel, then there is a review process through Investment Canada which I certainly cannot prejudge," Clement said to a reporter. REUTERS

Canadian soldiers cleared in abuse case

AFGHANISTAN A military probe has cleared Canadian soldiers and their commanders of any wrongdoing in their response to allegations of sexual abuse of children by interpreters and members of the Afghan military.

Despite public statements by soldiers and chaplains suggesting that children were regularly sodomized by Afghans on military bases in Kandahar, the investigation says any suggestions that Canadians turned a blind eye are "unfounded."

But NDP MP and defence critic Jack Harris immediately cast doubt on the results of the investigation, saying "it doesn't seem to ring true."

"Our concern is that people are on the record saying they did report through the chain of command, and yet we have no response," he said.

"Action should have been taken by the Canadian Forces, having the knowledge that these abuses were going on. Something should have been done about it."

"I'm not satisfied the whole story has been told."

The Canadian Forces National Investigation Service wrapped up a 10-month probe yesterday, saying it had no evidence that soldiers "committed any service or criminal offences. "It was determined that the initial allegations concerning such incidents contained serious discrepancies, could not be corroborated, were not reported to the chain of command and ultimately were not substantiated," the service said in a statement. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Edmonton **Premier pig-out**

CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO CANADA

Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach enjoys one of 1,500 pork sandwiches given out by Alberta pork producers in Edmonton yesterday. That industry has taken a major hit after some nations banned Canadian pork in the wake of the outbreak of influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu.

Mulroney disputes Schreiber's figures

INQUIRY Former prime minister Brian Mulroney, seeking to restore a tarnished reputation, testified yesterday that when he received large secret payments in 1993 he had no idea that the man he got them from would one day be a fugitive from justice.

It was his first day of testimony at an inquiry the government has set up to examine cash payments Mulroney received from German-Canadian arms dealer Karlheinz Schreiber after Mulroney stepped down as prime minister in 1993.

Schreiber says he handed over $300,000 in cash to Mulroney in separate hotel meetings so that Mulroney could help promote establishment of a factory to build light armored vehicles.

Mulroney says that the amount was only $225,000 and said yesterday that he accepted that such "inadequately documented arrangements are inappropriate" for former office holders.

Mulroney said nothing he did was illegal and that the Schreiber he dealt with was a well-respected businessman.

"The Karlheinz Schreiber that I knew in 1993 was not the man that we know here today," said Mulroney, now 70. REUTERS

Hospitalized

- Karlheinz Schreiber was scheduled to undergo gallbladder surgery in an Ottawa-area hospital, CBC News Online reported late last night. Schreiber was admitted to hospital after complaining of stomach pain for several days.

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TransLink CEO ties 'liveability' to funding

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The "Vancouver way of life" could be in jeopardy if the region's transit authority can't obtain sufficient and sustainable funding past 2011, TransLink's CEO warned yesterday.

Speaking at TransLink's annual general meeting in Burnaby, Tom Predergast warned that without sufficient revenue sources, none of TransLink's transit expansion goals are achievable.

"The liveability of the region will suffer and everyone will be affected," Predergast told a handful of members of the public who attended the AGM.

"The Vancouver way of life will be something of the past."

"Whether we rely directly or indirectly on our transit system, we all need to work to find funding for it."

In 2009, TransLink will meet its commitments through current funding and by drawing down its accumulated reserve down by $103 million.

That reserve will be tapped dry by the end of 2011 and TransLink board chair Dale Parker said the system will need $150 million every year just to maintain existing services. Expanding to meet its 2040 goals would be in the order of $450 million a year.

Predergast said TransLink would be examining its current funding sources (property tax, fuel tax and fares) as well as other potential sources like a property transfer tax, a container tax and road user fees. Area mayors have also called on the province for a portion of the carbon tax.

If additional funding is not approved by the council of mayors, TransLink would begin aggressively scaling back plans as early as next year.

News in brief

DEATH A man has died in hospital after he was found shot in Surrey yesterday. RCMP are investigating to see if there are links to gangs or drugs.

PARAMEDICS A shortage of paramedics on duty has led the B.C. Ambulance Service to ask the Supreme Court to rule that paramedics provide an essential service.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Nationalists threaten to derail pride parade

Russian nationalists threatened yesterday "to cure" any homosexuals who join a Gay Pride parade in Moscow Saturday. Authorities say they cannot allow the parade to take place as it will "destroy morals" in the capital city. REUTERS

World/Business

AHMAD MASOOD/REUTERS

A schoolgirl is seen at a hospital after being poisoned at a school in Afghanistan yesterday.

Afghan girls poisoned

Five young girls slipped briefly into comas and nearly 100 were taken to hospital after a gas attack on their school yesterday, the third in a series of such incidents north of Kabul, Afghan officials said.

The early morning mass-poisoning at Qazaaq school was likely the work of Taliban sympathizers hostile to girls' education, the head of security for Kapisa province told Reuters.

"We don't think that the Taliban have done this, but the people who collaborate with and support the Taliban have done this," said Afghan Col. Sha Agha, who is in charge of security for the second district of Kapisa, where the school is located.

The symptoms were the same as those shown by victims of suspected attacks on two girls' schools in nearby Charikar town. One poisoning took place on Monday and another on April 26. Patients were vomiting, dizzy and some lost consciousness.

Blood samples from the Charikar attacks have been sent to the nearby U.S. Bagram airbase but results have not yet come back. REUTERS

Lover hits back in H.K. estate battle

COURT The late Hong Kong billionaire Nina Wang wanted to have a child with the feng shui enthusiast laying claim to her inheritance, his lawyer said yesterday in a legal battle with Wang's family for her billions.

Wang, who died in 2007, had a business empire estimated to be worth at least $4.2 billion US.

The existence of two conflicting wills, however, has pitted Tony Chan, her former lover, against her family, represented by the Chinachem Charitable Foundation in a long-awaited probate battle that began on Monday. REUTERS

Flu pandemic still possible, WHO says

FLU Influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, could still mutate into a more virulent form and spark an influenza pandemic that could be expected to circle the globe up to three times, the World Health Organization said yesterday.

Nikki Shindo of the WHO's global influenza program said that 10 per cent of those infected with the strain in Mexico and the U.S. needed to be admitted to hospital — far more than the rate for seasonal flu, which kills up to 500,000 people a year.

"This is clearly different than what we see from seasonal influenza," Shindo said. REUTERS

Man-made?

- The World Health Organization is investigating unpublished claims that the virus may have evolved in a laboratory, not in nature. The WHO's leading scientist said consultation is ongoing, but evidence suggests the theory isn't correct. CBC NEWS ONLINE

News in brief

SRI LANKA Sri Lankan troops broke through Tamil Tiger defences yesterday, and aid officials said both sides were making it impossible to save civilians still at risk. The rebels, cornered in a coastal strip where they have held tens of thousands of civilians, accused the military for a third day of shelling the no-fire zone, killing 45 people. Sri Lanka's government brushed off Western criticism of its assaults.

AVIATION The pilot in a deadly commuter jet crash near Buffalo, N.Y., earlier this year had trouble learning a critical computer system on the plane he was flying, according to training documents released by safety investigators yesterday. Transcripts of flight recordings show the pilot and first officer discussed their fear of flying in icy weather, just moments before the plane crashed, killing 50 people. REUTERS

Business

Consumer bankruptcies up

Bankruptcies in Canada soared by more than 50 per cent in March from a year ago as the rising unemployment rate left more consumers unable to pay their bills.

At the same time, business bankruptcies declined during the month, according to figures released yesterday by the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada.

There were 10,578 personal bankruptcies across the country in March, up 17.3 per cent from the month before, and up a staggering 57 per cent from March 2008.

The biggest year-over-year increases came from the western provinces. The number of personal bankruptcies in Alberta nearly doubled to 951 in March; in British Columbia it rose 78.4 per cent from a year ago to 960.

The increase coincided with a rise in unemployment. In March the jobless rate rose to eight per cent, its highest level in seven years.

Even though the economy added 36,000 net new jobs in April, the jobless rate did not change.

On the business side, there were 507 bankruptcies in March, up 6.7 per cent from February, but a decline of 10.3 per cent from March 2008.

Overall, there were 11,085 personal and business bankruptcies across the country in March, up 16.7 per cent from the month before, and an increase of 51.8 per cent from March 2008. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Forecast

- Roger Sauvé, author of a 2008 report on the financial state of Canadian households sponsored by the Vanier Institute, predicted the number of insolvencies may reach 160,000 this year. There were about 123,000 in 2008.

Low energy imports hike trade surplus

REPORT Substantially lower energy imports helped boost Canada's trade surplus in March to $1.11 billion, more than double analysts' expectations, from $262 million in February.

Statistics Canada said yesterday that energy imports had fallen by 18.4 per cent during the month, most of it in volume terms and concentrated in aviation fuel. Energy exports, mostly to the United States, fell by only 1.4 per cent.

The overall surplus rose because imports fell by more — 4.4 per cent — than the 1.8 per cent decline in exports. Canada exported $32.50 billion and imported $31.40 billion. The figures are adjusted for seasonal factors.

But economists were quick to warn against viewing the stronger-than-expected surplus, following two months of trade deficits, as a sign of economic recovery.

"Be careful with green shoots in the Canadian trade data as the months ahead will impose renewed hits on manufacturing shipments and exports as the auto sector goes back into shut-down mode," said Derek Holt, economist with Scotia Capital. REUTERS

Latvia **Parental pressure**

INTS KALNINS/REUTERS

A woman holds her baby as she attends a protest in front of Latvia's government house in Riga yesterday. Hundreds of young parents staged a protest before a cabinet meeting against planned significant cuts to child-care benefits due to a budget crisis in Latvia, local media reported.

Execs still pessimistic: Survey

PREDICTIONS Senior finance executives across the globe remain pessimistic about the prospects of rapid economic recovery and are pursuing new ways to control costs, an American Express study showed.

Nearly 70 per cent of respondents in the American Express/CFO Research Global Business & Spending Monitor survey of 285 senior finance executives said they expected to see "recovery" beginning sometime in 2010.

Over two-thirds of respondents predicted modest to substantial economic contraction over the next 12 months, and 63 per cent reported that their companies' capital investments will decrease in 2009.

When asked about changes in their workforce, 59 per cent of respondents anticipated a decrease in headcount.

Half the executives polled also reported plans to freeze salaries and bonuses. REUTERS

Ferrari threatens F1 pullout

Ferrari will quit Formula One at the end of season if the sport adopts a budget cap for 2010, the Italian company's board said yesterday. REUTERS

Sports

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Goaltender Jonas Hiller of the Anaheim Ducks defends the goal against Henrik Zetterberg of the Detroit Red Wings last night in Anaheim, Calif. The Ducks won 2-1 to force a Game 7.

Ducks stay alive

Stanley Cup 2009 Playoffs

Jonas Hiller was rock solid between the pipes, making 38 saves, as the Anaheim Ducks stayed alive with a 2-1 win over Detroit in Game 6 of their Western Conference semifinal series in Anaheim, Calif., last night.

Ryan Getzlaf and Corey Perry both registered a goal and an assist for the eighth-seeded Ducks, whose win forces a winner-take-all seventh game Thursday in the Motor City.

Johan Franzen snapped Hiller's shutout bid with 2:25 remaining in the third period, making for some tense moments down the stretch, but Anaheim ultimately prevailed to live another day.

Tempers boiled over as time expired, with the players on the ice engaging in multiple scraps.

Chris Osgood turned away 26 of the 28 shots he faced for the second-seeded Red Wings, who will be appearing in their first Game 7 since the 2002 West finals against Colorado.

Defenceman Brian Rafalski returned to the lineup for Detroit after missing the first five games of the series with an undisclosed upper-body injury.

Bruins 4 Hurricanes 2

Mark Recchi and Chuck Kobasew both registered a goal and an assist, as the Boston Bruins staved off elimination once again with a 4-2 win over Carolina in Game 6 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Steve Montador had a goal and Patrice Bergeron collected two helpers for the top-seeded Bruins, who have battled back from a 3-1 series deficit to force a decisive Game 7 at TD Banknorth Garden in Boston tomorrow. Boston has never climbed out of a 3-1 hole to win a series in 20 previous occasions.

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Gonchar back?

- Penguins defenceman Sergei Gonchar practised yesterday for the first time since injuring his right knee during a collision with Washington's Alex Ovechkin and hopes to play in tonight's Game 7 of the Eastern Conference semifinals against the Capitals.

Celtics rally for Game 5 win over Magic

NBA 2009 Playoffs

BASKETBALL Glen Davis and Stephon Marbury were unlikely catalysts in the fourth quarter, and Ray Allen hit the go-ahead three-pointer with 1:20 remaining, as the Boston Celtics rallied from a 14-point deficit in the final period to shock Orlando 92-88, grabbing the pivotal Game 5 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Marbury scored all 12 of his points in the final quarter, while Davis netted 10 of his game-high 22 in the last 12 minutes for the defending NBA champions, who took a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series.

"Toughness, a lot of character, when you go through trials and tribulations like that during the game, and to come back and win is unbelievable," said Davis. "Our guys showed a lot of character. Stephon Marbury led the charge in the second half, and made some things happen, and that energy fed me."

The Celtics closed the game on an amazing 17-3 spurt, forcing Orlando to miss its final eight shots from the field.

"Well there was a point in time where we decided to lock down, we locked down and didn't give them the basket, and that's what created the positive offense for us," said Davis. "We did our assignments on defence, and that's how we won the game." METRO NEWS SERVICES

For a complete recap of last night's NBA playoff action, visit: metronews.ca/sports

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In Canada, it's easy to walk on the SunnySide of the street. I say this with confidence even though I've spent many of the last three decades doing what we in the media do best — panic-mongering.

That's why we're journalists; we're jacked up by 200-point bold bad news headlines, the badder the better. When editors get together at the end of the year and pick the top story, it's always some disaster, never a good-news story. Good news is a cute puppy that goes at the end of a newscast or on page 27, a grudging change of pace from your hard-bitten friends in the news.

Anyway, it's easy to get high on Canada because … well, just look around you. This is the freaking second biggest country in the world. How often do we even think about that? If you live in Vancouver, the world ends in Chilliwack, after that, there are mountains, and way, way farther away, Toronto. Scary. And if you live in Toronto, you can't venture west of Mississauga without suffering a nosebleed.

If you live in Montreal, you refuse to recognize the legitimacy of Vancouver and Toronto altogether as you sit in a café on Rue St-Denis, Centre of the Universe. Maybe it's just too big and beautiful to get your head around it, never mind your arms.

The rest of the world doesn't seem to have that problem.

Once again, we're in the top five of the 215 nations tracked in Mercer Consulting's annual Quality of Living Survey; our American cousins barely crack the top 30 and that's because San Francisco and Honolulu skew the results. Another ranks us among the top 10 nations in the world for happiness, along with traditional warm puppies Denmark and Switzerland.

And if you're not tired of surveys yet, how about this one? While the rest of the world is in the economic tank, the Economic Intelligence Unit's global business survey for 2009-13 ranks Canada first in the G7 as "the best place to invest and do business."

Who knew? The very best thing about Canada is the thing that infuriates many, but makes us the hope of civilization — it's called multiculturalism, which means whoever you are, wherever you're from, you check your guns at the door, and if you want to live here, you learn to play well with others.

On this sunny day, let's give the last word to an American, one of our biggest fans: Bill Clinton. "In a world darkened by ethnic conflicts that tear nations apart, Canada stands as a model of how people of different cultures can live and work together in peace, prosperity and mutual respect."

SunnySide

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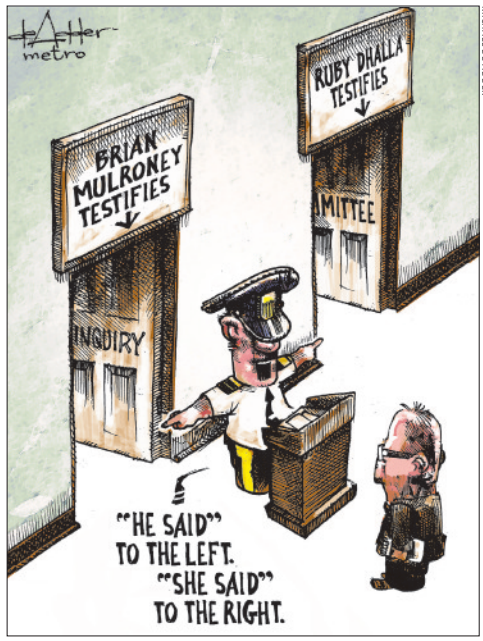

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Word on the street: What's great about Vancouver?

Sami Aljabr
age 21,
Vancouver
A: I actually like the rain. I grew up in Saudi Arabia where it's always hot and dry. It's nice to be living somewhere where there is a mix of all types of weather.

Will Liang
age 28,
Richmond
A: I think the landscape is the best part. There is so much to see and do outside. You have mountains, rivers and beaches.

Solbee Lee
age 21,
Vancouver
A: The people here are so friendly, and surprisingly, I don't mind the rain at all.

Sarah Cremer
age 18,
Vancouver
A: You can just go out and smoke pot and have fun. This city is so laid back.

Kim Taylor
age 23,
Vancouver
A: I love how you can be on the beach one minute and then up in the mountains the next.

Ariel Taylor
age 24,
Vancouver
A: Vancouver has some fantastic restaurants, and the nightlife is great too.

Letters

Our company is stronger because of the recession

Re: SunnySide launch (May 11)

Our company, Cleanworks, is stronger because of the recession.

In January we met with our staff and told them that we had no plans to reduce staff in the forseeable future. We also told them that to avoid reductions in the future we would have to ensure our clients did not see us as an expendable service. We would have to make sure the quality of our service was second to none.

As well, we decided to hire staff to take advantage of a deeper pool of applicants to strengthen our roster of workers.

The result — our staff responded with improved quality work, our clients have indicated they are across the board happier with our service, and revenues are up 12 per cent over 2008. And now we need to hire a couple of more people.

SunnySide

DOUG GILMOUR, HALIFAX

Worth Mentioning

Court fines man for beheading wax Hitler

CRIME A German court fined an unemployed man $1,227 yesterday for knocking the head off a waxwork figure of Adolf Hitler in a Berlin museum.

Minutes after the Madame Tussauds museum opened in the German capital in July, the 42-year-old pushed past security staff and ripped off the figure's head. The man, an ex-policeman, said he found it inappropriate to display an exhibit showing the Nazi leader only some 500 metres from Berlin's Holocaust memorial.

The waxwork of a glum-looking Hitler in a mock bunker stirred debate in Germany even before it went on display. Critics argued it was tasteless to display a replica of the man who unleashed the Second World War and ordered the extermination of Europe's Jews. **REUTERS**

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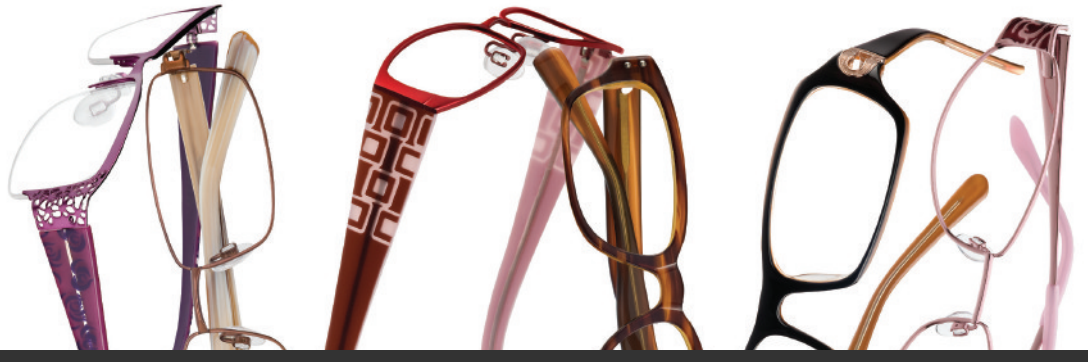

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Running on chocolate

Designers at England's Warwick University have come up with a racing car that is powered by chocolate oils, BBC News reports. They said the body work was made from potatoes, the steering wheel from carrot fibres and the seat from soybean foam. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Metro Drive

MINI's 50th

Last week, MINI marked the 50th anniversary of its first production car. Overall, more than six million classic and new MINIs have been sold since the model first went on sale in 1959.

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A Sebring for all seasons

Convertible adds touch of practicality with retractable hardtop

LORNE DRURY
for Metro Canada

Only two hours by car from Los Angeles, Palm Springs has long been a favourite getaway destination for the stars.

What makes Palm Springs so desirable is the sunshine — the valley community averages 350 days of sun a year.

Of course, with all that sunshine, a convertible is the car of choice among residents and visitors alike and our 2009 Chrysler Sebring Convertible test car fits right in with the crowd. Almost every other car you see on the streets is a convertible and the Sebring is at or near the top of the popularity scale along with older Mercedes models and Ford Mustangs.

For anyone contemplating a convertible, our test car was equipped with a retractable hardtop, which is offered as an option. A cloth, folding top is standard.

The 2009 Chrysler Sebring Convertible is offered with soft or retractable hardtop and the choice of three engines.

If you want a car for all seasons, this is the way to go. It has the looks and feel of a coupe for the cold weather months and it transforms into a convertible in only a matter of seconds.

Volkswagen and Volvo also offer similar retractable hardtops in the Eos and C70 models, but at a higher price than the Sebring.

The Sebring Convertible is available in three trim levels with some great prices being offered these days — the LX starts at $20,495 with a 173 hp 2.4-litre I-4 engine, the Touring at $24,295 with a 189 hp 2.7-litre V6 and the Limited at $31,695 with a 235 hp 3.5-litre V6.

During our trip we experienced both city and highway environments with the Sebring. With the larger of the two V6 engines under the hood, our tester had more than enough power for merging into traffic on high-speed freeways in and around Los Angeles.

In the city, the car feels heavy and a bit awkward. Its high rear end makes backing into parking spots a bit of a chore.

2009 Chrysler Sebring Convertible

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Hyundai plugs into Blue-Will

FIRST LOOK Hyundai unveiled its first plug-in HEV concept car at the recent Seoul motor show. Named Blue-Will, the futuristic car promises an electric-only driving distance of up to 64 km on a single charge and a fuel economy of up to 2.2 litres/100 km. Blue-Will is a test bed of new ideas that range from the unique profile to drive-by-wire steering and touch screen controls.

The car is the fourth in a series of innovative concept vehicles to come out of the Namyang Design Center currently headed by Oh Suk-Geun, executive vice-president of design.

"The innovative form language gives perfect expression to the advanced eco-friendly technologies found on Blue-Will," said Oh. "At a time of rising concern about the environment and our energy future, Blue Will demonstrates to eco-conscious car buyers everywhere that Hyundai has practical hybrid solutions that will appear on the next generation of vehicles," he added.

Blue-Will's sleek surface treatment extends to the underbody where a full-length cover has been applied to minimize aerodynamic drag whilst maximizing fuel economy.

The LED panel on the front expresses a highly distinctive, futuristic image. The rear bike rack, integrated into the trunk, adds convenience. To minimize weight, carbon-fibre reinforced plastics and nano composites have been applied to the side sills, moldings and fenders. The conventional gauge cluster has been replaced by an ultra-thin Transparent Organic Light Emitting Diode display mounted on the steering column which is adjustable for rake and distance.

The Blue-Will concept is powered by an all-aluminum 152 hp gasoline direct injected 1.6L engine, coupled to a Continuously Variable Transmission and a 100kw electric motor. This parallel hybrid drive architecture serves as the foundation for future Hyundai hybrids, starting with the next-generation Sonata for North America.

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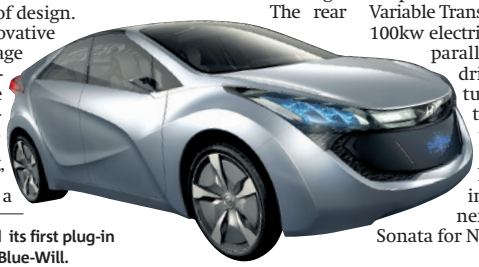

Hyundai unveiled its first plug-in HEV concept car, Blue-Will.

Subaru models named Best Bets

ONLINE The 2009 Subaru Impreza, Subaru Impreza WRX STI and Subaru Forester have each been named a "Best Bet" by a U.S. online car shopping service. According to Cars.com, the two Subaru Imprezas are each a "Best Bet for Sports Cars," and the Subaru Forester has been recognized as a "Best Bet for SUVs and Crossovers." To qualify as a Cars.com Best Bet, models must meet three quantified criteria, including a "Good" rating in Insurance Institute for Highway Safety frontal-offset and side-impact crash tests.

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Man dies at uWinnipeg

A 23-year-old man died Sunday evening after jumping from scaffolding at the McFeetors Hall: Great-West Life Student Residence at the University of Winnipeg. The deceased was at the centre of a seven-hour-long stand-off with police.

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Honesty key in dismissal hearings

WorkplaceLaw

"Every man has his fault, and honesty is his."
–WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

In the often twisted world of Canadian workplace law, both employers and employees tend to exaggerate facts in an effort to improve their own cases. Whether it's a deliberate strategy or a simple white lie, our courts are increasingly signalling their disdain when stories without the conviction of truth find their way to trial. A recent decision from British Columbia reminds us all that honesty remains the best policy.

About halfway through his apprenticeship as a repairman at Dams Ford Lincoln Sales Ltd. in Surrey, B. C., Tyler Marchen was given an envelope with two weeks' pay and his record of employment stating that he had been dismissed, and told to leave. When he asked why he was being fired, he was told that it was not up for discussion and that he was no longer welcome on the property.

After Marchen's dismissal, Dams made several comments suggesting that he was fired due to a police matter. Although Marchen was viewed as a good employee, his brother (who was also an employee at Dams) had been implicated in some thefts from the dealership. When a government employee called to request the reasons for Marchen's dismissal in order to qualify him for employment insurance, she was told it was due to a police issue and they couldn't risk keeping him on.

As Marchen and Dams had a fixed-term agreement for the duration of his apprenticeship, Marchen promptly sued Dams, claiming that he was entitled to the value of the remaining term of the contract. As soon as Marchen started his legal action, Dams changed its story. It called the employment insurance office and told it that, despite an investigation into Marchen's brother, it had actually fired Marchen because it had downsized.

At trial, Dams' witnesses denied that Marchen was fired because of his brother's potential theft but maintained its story that there had simply been a lack of work. Judge Richard Goepel wasn't convinced. He found that Marchen was dismissed because of Dams' unfounded suspicion that he was involved in his brother's potential theft and that it had attempted to mislead the court as to its true motives.

Dams' decision to mislead the court turned a seemingly routine case for wrongful dismissal into a legal nightmare. Marchen was awarded over $18,000 in lost wages, $25,000 for loss of training, $100,000 in punitive damages and most of his legal fees.

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If a company is not honest when it gives a reason for the dismissal of an employee, the company stands to lose a lot.

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IT pros should stay connected in bad times

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

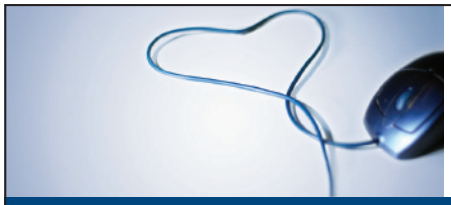
While the unemployment rate in Canada rises, job opportunities are growing for people ready to meld their information technology (IT) know-how with business and communications skills, experts say.

Terry Power, president of IT staffing firm Sapphire Technology Canada, says IT skills have become a focus of employers who are actively looking for people with the right combination of IT and business skills, especially to take on executive and management positions.

"Anything that marries business and technology together will continue to be important going forward and we're seeing the greatest strength in senior-level roles," Power said.

While the unemployment rate recently surpassed eight per cent across the country, Powers says the jobless rate in IT hovers around 3.5 per cent, showing that businesses place a high value on technology skills.

While the IT sector is faring better than others in the current economy, Powers warns that the trend doesn't mean include all IT jobs — in fact it's the IT positions requiring specialized experience and skills that are in the most demand.



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A Bath with a view

Two hours from London, historic Bath feels like a step back in time

EMMA E. FORREST
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Above, Bath's famous Royal Crescent.

Right, taking the waters at Thermae Bath Spa. Right, the historic Roman baths are a popular destination in the city.

It might be just two hours outside London, but you'll be transported back to the 18th century in the immaculately-preserved spa town of Bath.

This UNESCO World Heritage Site looks just like the set of a period movie — which is probably why it has served as the backdrop for major films including The Other Boleyn Girl and The Duchess. You won't see fluorescent shop signs here because there are strict regulations on how the town's splendid historical buildings should look.

Likewise, you won't find an industrial park on the edge of town — Bath is surrounded by a bowl of protected woodland and parkland. Instead you'll discover an elegant but laid-back town full of stunning neoclassical architecture, interesting museums, unique boutiques and pretty tea rooms.

Bath was founded by the Romans as a thermal spa, and it was in the 18th century, under King George III, that the stunning Palladian buildings blossomed around the centre.

The Roman spa is still at the heart of the town, and while you can take a tour of the site, you can't actually bathe in it (romanbaths.co.uk).

However, you can benefit from the spa's mix of 43 minerals since you can drink the therapeutic water at the Pump Rooms next door. It's a genteel tea room complete with live cello, violin and piano music from the Pump Room Trio, the house band.

Enjoy the atmosphere with a restorative cup of Earl Grey, and make your way up the cake stand, where you will find finger sandwiches, scones with jam and clotted cream, and a selection of homemade cakes.

If you're looking for a more rustic snack, visit Sally Lunn's, a cramped tea room in the oldest house in town where giant Bath buns are served (sally lunns.co.uk).

Bath's healing waters have now been channelled into a state of the art four-storey spa, complete with whirlpools, steam rooms, treatment rooms and even a heated open air rooftop pool where you can soak up the minerals while looking over the steeple of the city's famous Abbey (bathabbey.org). There's even a separate thermal bathhouse, The Cross Bath — fed by its own natural hot spring — that can be hired for exclusive use (thermaebathspa.com).

For more culture, you can learn about the city's most famous author, Jane Austen, at a museum dedicated to her, or attend the annual Jane Austen week festival.

The city's architectural pièce de résistance is the Royal Crescent — a unique semi circle of elegant Georgian townhouses overlooking a garden.

Stay at the luxurious hotel located at No. 16, or take a look at 18th century life at house No. 1, where the interiors are laid out as they would have been more than 200 years ago.

If you're on a romantic getaway, take a breath of fresh air in the Royal Victoria Park, a large landscaped park opened in 1830. There you can stroll down the promenades and visit the botanical gardens with its collection of exotic plants.

It is also the route to the most romantic hotel in town, The Bath Priory. This country house hotel offers luxurious rooms and cosy drawing rooms for you to languish in.

This should be your final destination after spending the day looking at the sights of this aesthetically-pleasing city.

You can reward yourself with an aperitif on the terrace overlooking the hotel's award-winning landscaped gardens, and follow it with a meal at the only Michelin-starred restaurant in the county (the bathpriory.co.uk).

You can't ask for more romantic than that.

Getting there

- Fly to Bristol airport, then take the train or bus. Bath is two hours by train from Londons Paddington station, or three hours and 20 minutes by National Express coach from London Victoria.
- visitbath.co.uk

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Month of roses

In May, Rome's roses are in full bloom. The celebrated Comunale Roseto, or Communal Rose Gardens, are open to the public at this time of year. The gardens showcase 1,000 species from around the world. METRO NEWS SERVICES

The world's most wonderful film set

Angels & Demons joins the many films that use Rome as a backdrop

REUTERS

Left, a view of Rome featuring St. Peter's Basilica. Right, Bernini's angels line the Ponte Sant Angelo.

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada

From Anita Ekberg and Marcello Mastroianni splashing around in the waters of the Trevi Fountain in La Dolce Vita to Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck's romantic street tour in Roman Holiday the Eternal City has provided some of the cinema's most unforgettable images.

According to Italian director Federico Fellini, "Rome is the most wonderful movie set in the world." Now with the release of Angels & Demons, shot on location in Rome, a new industry has emerged from the ancient city — movie tourism.

Patrizia Prestipino, head of Rome's provincial department of tourism told the New York Times that "a film like this could re-launch American tourism. For us it's like free advertising." And it's marketing that seems to be working. Tour groups like the Angels & Demons Path of Illumination Tour, angelsanddemons.it, Sienna Reid's Angels and Demons Tour, italyhotline.com, and the Rome Angels and Demons Half-Day Tour, viatour.com, have been enjoying brisk business with packages that range from $75 per person to $550 for a personal excursion.

If you're not a tour group kind of person you can arrange your own expedition of Rome's Angels and Demons locations and other cinematic sites with a good map from your hotel's concierge.

(Take note that several of the places mentioned in the book are not geographically accurate. It's best to do some Internet research before hitting the streets.)

Here are some good starting points:

Castel Sant'Angelo

Built between 135 and 139 by the Roman Emperor Hadrian Castel Sant' Angelo not only figures in the climax of Angels & Demons, but also has a spectacular panoramic view of Rome. The castle can also be seen in Roman Holiday's barge scene.

Santa Maria della Vittoria

Santa Maria Della Vittoria is the setting for Angels & Demons' most gruesome and exciting scene — the "fire" killing — but in reality is the home to the beautiful Bernini sculpture of the ecstasy of St. Theresa.

Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi

Located at the center of Piazza Navona the ornate The Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi ("Fountain of the Four Rivers") is one of Bernini's most famous works and the backdrop for the film's "water" assassination.

Other Rome movie must-sees include:

Mouth of Truth

The Mouth of Truth located in the portico of the church of Santa Maria in Cosmedin. The carved, grinning stone face which purportedly bites off the hands of liars most famously appeared in Roman Holiday but can also be seen in Only You starring Robert Downey Jr.

Trevi Fountain

At almost 26 metres high the Trevi Fountain is the largest Baroque fount in Rome and the inspiration for the 1954 hit song and movie Three Coins in the Fountain. Every day tourists throw almost 3,300 euros into the fountain — legend says that visitors who toss a coin into the fountain are guaranteed a return to Rome— money that is donated to charity.

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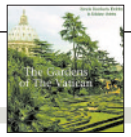
Garden tour
In an Angels & Demons mood but can't make it to Rome? Check out The Gardens of the Vatican (McArthur & Co.) by Linda Kooluris Dobbs and Kildare Dobbs, $25.17 at amazon.ca. METRO NEWS SERVICES



An agenda for a weekend-long Roman Holiday

ITINERARY Got 48 hours to follow in the footsteps of Professor Robert Langdon and discover some of Rome's most beautiful sites featured in the blockbuster movie Angels & Demons?

Reuters correspondents with local knowledge help visitors track Illuminati clues across the eternal city whilst enjoying its renowned history, culture and cuisine.

A close-up view of Rome's Fontana di Trevi.

Friday

8 p.m. Having checked into your hotel, head for great food and a real Italian vibe at the Antica Enoteca on Via della Croce between Via del Corso and Piazza di Spagna. A lively wine bar/restaurant with freshly prepared appetizers at the bar, great pizza, and a terrific tiramisu.

Saturday

10 a.m. After kicking off the day with some of Rome's finest and most famous coffee at Bar Sant'Eustachio (Piazza Sant'Eustachio 82) head up to the northernmost end of Via del Corso to Piazza del Popolo.

In the far right corner of the square stands the church of Santa Maria del Popolo where Langdon locates the body of the first missing Cardinal. Buried up to his waist at the bottom of a demon's hole beneath the church floor, he is first in a series of associations with the Illuminati's four primordial elements: Earth, Air, Fire, and Water.

As well as celebrating Langdon's first step in the Vatican mystery, take a moment to admire two Caravaggio masterpieces to the left of the main altar, The Crucifixion of St. Peter and The Conversion of St. Paul.

The view from the Pincio gardens up to the right of the Piazza has a lovely view across the Roman rooftops all the way to the Vatican and the very heart of the Angels & Demons intrigue.

12 p.m. Heading south from Piazza del Popolo, check out Tad Café at 155A Via del Babuino, a 'concept store' where you can shop for clothes, household goods, flowers and perfumes, get your hair cut and eat tasty Thai-Italian fusion cuisine all in one super slick and trendy location.

3 p.m. Heading back down the Corso to Piazza Venezia, take Bus 62 from Via del Plebiscito over the river to Via della Conciliazione. Walk along this broad avenue to appreciate the full splendour of Basilica San Pietro.

In the centre of its grand Piazza, designed by Bernini and built between 1656-1667, stands a giant Egyptian obelisk, under which Langdon finds another of the missing Cardinals. Representing Air, the unfortunate Cardinal is found with holes punctured through his chest and lungs.

For breathtaking views, take the lift or brave the long and narrow spiral stairways to the dome and roof of the Basilica.

Appreciate the scale and splendour of the church interior from the dizzy heights of its dome and then head out onto the sunny roof for an unusual, but pleasingly simple 'caffé' experience courtesy of Il Ristoro.

Sip a soft drink or coffee beneath giant marble saints and look out to the East for Castel Sant'Angelo, the final stop on Langdon's Illuminati trail.

A giant fortified structure, Castel Sant'Angelo was first begun by Emperor Hadrian in AD 135 as his mausoleum and has been used subsequently as an armoured stronghold, a prison and a papal residence, with a private walled passageway all the way to the Vatican.

6 p.m. For a sample of quaint and cobbled Rome, away from grandiose spaces and Papal splendours, take a walk along down the river to Trastevere. Enjoy getting lost in its maze of narrow streets en route to a pre-dinner drink in Piazza di Santa Maria in Trastevere where the beautiful setting merits the somewhat elevated prosecco prices.

9 p.m. Amidst a wealth of choices for lively bars and eateries, Freni e Frizioni (Via del Politeama 4-6) offers a delicious and generous aperitivo, whilst Da Augusto tucked away in Piazza de' Renzi is as genuine a cheap and cheerful trattoria as you'll find.

Sunday

10 a.m. Take a pricey but scenic breakfast in Piazza Navona, arguably Rome's most spectacular square. In the centre stands Bernini's Four Rivers Fountain, finished in 1651 and very recently restored. Here Langdon discovers the body of the fourth and most elevated of the missing Cardinals, drowned to death in the fountain's waters.

12 p.m. Taking in the must-see Pantheon and the very pretty Piazza Sant'Ignazio, head east to the impressive Piazza di Pietra for a restorative lunch at Neopolitan restaurant La Caffettiera.

3 p.m. Heading east from the Corso and Piazza Barberini, make your way down Via XX Settembre to the Church of Santa Maria della Vittoria (open 3.30-6pm Sunday).

In the presence of Bernini's Ecstasy of St. Teresa, a spectacular — if controversial — piece of dramatic Baroque sculpture, Langdon here finds an Illuminati abductor in the act of setting the third missing cardinal on fire.

5 p.m. After contemplating such a gruesome spectacle, take a comforting stroll down the wonderfully peaceful Via dei Giardini. If time allows, pop into the churches of San Carlino alle Quattro Fontane and Sant'Andrea al Quirinale, Baroque gems designed by rivals Borromini and Bernini. You may also want to pop into San Crispino on Via Panetteria, 42, a discreet but delicious gelateria with spectacular seasonal flavours.

11 p.m. For a lasting image of Rome at its finest and a final homage to Langdon's genius, pay one final visit to Piazza Navona by night. Admire the square a little emptier of tourists and the fountain where Langdon makes his grizzly nighttime discovery, theatrically illuminated in the dark.

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Virgin spreading its wings

Long-haul trips could be made in spaceships instead of planes in 20 years' time if Virgin's efforts to commercialize space travel succeed, the president of Virgin Galactic told Reuters in an interview.

Will Whitehorn said Virgin's plans to take tourists into space were just a first stage that could open up a range of possibilities for the company including space science, computer server farms in space and replacing long-haul flights.

Virgin Galactic, part of Richard Branson's Virgin Group, has collected $40 million in deposits from would-be space tourists including physicist Stephen Hawking and ex-racing driver Niki Lauda, and hopes to start commercial trips within two years.

Whitehorn said the bookings from 300 people willing to pay $200,000 each for a space flight had convinced Virgin the venture was viable. It is currently running test flights and hopes soon to win a licence from the Federal Aviation Authority.

Virgin claims that its technology, which releases a spaceship into sub-orbit in the air using a jet carrier aircraft, is more environmentally friendly than traditional ground-launched rocket technology.

Asked about the environmental impact, he points out that they could be completely solar-powered, and says that in any case the hostile vacuum in space makes it hard to do damage beyond leaving debris behind.

"Polluting space is extremely difficult," he said.

Eventually, he sees the possibility of transporting passengers to terrestrial destinations in spacecraft outside the atmosphere instead of by plane. He says a journey from Britain to Australia could be done in about 2-1/2 hours.

"There's only been 500 people in space so far ... Every astronaut is an environmentalist."
Will Whitehorn, president of Virgin Galactic

"That's a 20-year horizon," he said.

Virgin is not the only non-governmental party trying to develop space travel in the private sphere, but Whitehorn is confident it will be the first to take passengers into space.

Asked about how environmentally friendly it was to develop space tourism, which arguably nobody needs in the first place, Whitehorn said none of the future projects he envisaged would be possible without first proving a business model. He also argued that the experience of viewing Earth from space would transform people's attitudes.

"There's only been 500 people in space so far, and each has cost $50 to $100 million on average," he said. "Every astronaut is an environmentalist." REUTERS

MARK THOMPSON/GETTY IMAGES

Sir Richard Branson promotes his Galatic manned space flight passenger service in April in Sakhir, Bahrain.

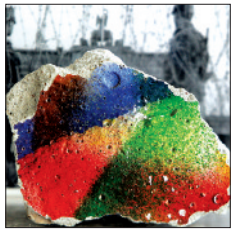
Exhibit celebrates peaceful 1989 German revolution

COLD WAR A new outdoor exhibition documenting the peaceful revolution of 1989 that culminated in the fall of the Berlin Wall opened on the German capital's Alexanderplatz square last Thursday.

The exhibition, a main feature of Berlin's commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the symbolic end of the Cold War, focuses on the role played by civil rights activists in the former East Germany, or GDR. German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier opened the exhibition 20 years to the day after local elections that civil rights groups contested, marking what he said was the beginning of the end of Communist rule.

"This exhibit rightly showcases those who made the revolution happen," Steinmeier added. "These were first and foremost not those individuals written about in the history books, but the courageous citizens of the GDR, thousands and hundreds of thousands of them."

The exhibition will remain open until Nov. 14. Entrance is free. REUTERS



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People are immersed in tomato juice during the Tomatina — a giant tomato fight — in August, 2005 in Bunol, Spain.

Concerts, festivals and tomato fights

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With summer vacation quickly approaching, many soon-to-be travellers are weighing their holiday options. While a sun and surf destination may be alluring, consider the following cultural festivals before booking that all-inclusive. Check out this list of cool, quirky festivals taking place around the world this summer.

1. Named best festival by Rolling Stone Magazine, **Bonnaroo** is a four-day, multi-stage camping festival hosted on a 700-acre farm in Manchester, Tennessee. The party gets under way June 11-14th, rain or shine, with dozens of bands, including Al Green, Beastie Boys, Bruce Springsteen, Phish, Public Enemy, Paul Oakenfold and Nine Inch Nails. It costs $224–$249 for a four-day pass that includes camping and parking. bonnaroo.com

2. Head to St. Petersburg for their **White Nights Festival**, a six-week event from May 15-June 18th. During this time, the sun never fully sets and the nights are bright ... a perfect excuse to celebrate. White Nights Festival offers a variety of programs which include dance, jazz, opera and classical music performances. saint-petersburg.com

3. Trying to do NYC on the cheap? Check out **Summer Stage**, a free performing arts festival in Central Park. This 20 year-old festival has everything from spoken word to stand-up comedy, with free big name performances from the Indigo Girls and Ziggy Marley. Tickets are first come, first served and gates open an hour before show times. summerstage.org

4. For something a little unusual, check out the **Kirkpinar Oil Wrestling Festival** (in late June). One of the oldest festivals in the world, this wrestling fest takes place in Edirne, Turkey and involves shirtless macho men grappling while slathered in oil.

5. The last Wednesday of August, at the peak of tomato season, the small Spanish town of Bunol (just outside of Valencia) hosts **La Tomatina**, a giant tomato food fight. The tomatoes are specially-grown for this annual event and a reported 140 tons are trucked in from the countryside. Imagine thousands of tourists covered in salsa and the streets over-flowing with tomato juice.

6. Celebrate the **Summer Solstice** at the ruins of Stonehenge. On June 20, this free, one night event draws druids, hippie types and peaceful pagan partiers eager to watch the 4:45 a.m. sunrise on the longest day of the year.

7. **Summer Fest**, the "world's largest music festival" takes place in Milwaukee June 25 - July 5. Over the 11 days, there are some 700 artists across 11 stages, with a range of performances by: The Roots, Kid Rock and Leonard Skynard, Barenaked Ladies, Bon Jovi, Bob Dylan, Willie Nelson and Whitesnake. summerfest.com

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Lewis back for Sex sequel

Jason Lewis is to appear in the Sex and the City: The Movie sequel. The 37-year-old actor — whose character Smith Jerrod dated Samantha Jones — has revealed it is likely he will reprise his role as the hunky model. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

Expecting

Maya Rudolph is pregnant. The Saturday Night Live star, 36, is expecting her second child with her partner, director Paul Thomas Anderson. PEOPLE.COM

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From Star Trek to Terminator

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This month is a big one for Anton Yelchin — maybe the biggest in his life. With roles in a pair of high-profile summer releases — Star Trek and Terminator Salvation — Yelchin's life has lately become a blur of flashy premieres around the world and press junkets at five-star hotels.

Anton Yelchin stars as navigator Pavel Chekov in the blockbuster hit Star Trek and Kyle Reese in the upcoming film Terminator Salvation.

But he's trying to keep his wits about him. "These are all kind of the superficial elements of these kinds of features," he says, shrugging at the plush Beverly Hills hotel suite he's camped out in. "It's beyond the reason I do what I do."

Yelchin is already enjoying the top spot at the box office with Star Trek, in which he takes over the role of Russian navigator Pavel Chekov — not much of a stretch for the Leningrad-born Russian-American, who came to the U.S. as a toddler with his figure-skating parents after the fall of the Soviet Union.

For Yelchin, who is mostly known for smaller films like Charlie Bartlett and the TV series Huff, working on summer blockbusters is less a job than a chance to fulfill some childhood fantasies. "Suddenly felt like I was five again," he says. "I used to be on this set in my mind in my backyard. It was a weird kind of nostalgia."

But unlike the franchise reboot of Star Trek, his next big summer film has the daunting task of picking up where a less-than-stellar previous installment left off. "I went into this thinking this isn't going to be T3," he says, referring to Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines. "We're going to try and take this more seriously," Yelchin says.

And part of taking it more seriously meant the cast being more involved with the screenplay (by the same writers as T3). "I came to Albuquerque with a set of guidelines and a breakdown of (my character) Kyle Reese, and I wasn't going to change those guidelines to change the script," Yelchin explains. "Every scene needed to be adjusted."

It's no coincidence that Yelchin, just two months past his 20th birthday, has aspirations beyond acting. "I love filmmaking. I really am a movie geek. I'm obsessed with them," he says. He's even working on a screenplay — "a movie about teenagers, but kind of a self-conscious look at teenagers."

And he shouldn't have much trouble moving behind the camera, since he practically grew up in film school. "It's the best free education you could get, just to work on a movie set and work with guys that know so much about what you're doing. You don't need to go to film school when you've had the opportunities that I have."

But with box office returns like he's been seeing, it might be a while before Yelchin gets a spare moment to get behind the camera.

Movie profile

In brief

CASTING British singer Joss Stone has signed to return to Showtime's The Tudors for its fourth and final season. She will reprise her role from the current third season, playing Anne of Cleves, fourth wife of Henry VIII (Jonathan Rhys Meyers).

TV The verdict is in: David E. Kelley's legal drama Legally Mad is not going forward at NBC. After opting to keep the pilot in contention for midseason, the network has decided to pass on the Warner Bros. TV-produced drama. REUTERS

Kenya's Style

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critics' corner

Criminal Minds

When a deadly virus, a new form of chemical warfare, is released into the air, a member of the BAU team has to act quickly and put himself at risk to find the source and catch the killer before any more innocent people are exposed to the lethal substance. Joe Mantegna, Thomas Gibson and Paget Brewster star in the new episode "Amplification." 8 PM on CTV

Lie to Me

FBI agent Ben Reynolds (guest star Mekhi Phifer) asks the Lightman Group for help in determining who was responsible for a terrorist bombing outside Washington, D.C., and devising ways to prevent any further attacks, but the case takes a personal turn for one team member and raises the question of whether honesty always is the best policy. Tim Roth stars in the season finale. 8 PM on GTV FOX

Rodman's irresponsible behaviour
Although expected to be a rehab outpatient by now, Dennis Rodman's erratic behaviour continues. For the second time in a week, Rodman and his entourage tried to walk out on a restaurant bill topping $1,000, according to Page Six. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Sam to pay up for Britney's legal costs?

SALT IN WOUNDS Sam Lutfi faced off against singer Britney Spears' legal team and lost, slapped with a three-year restraining order last month — and his wallet may be taking a hit next, people.com reports.

Spears' lawyers asked a Los Angeles court last Friday to order Lutfi, who once was her manager, to pay $123,142 US to cover Spears' legal fees for the courtroom battle over the restraining order.

In addition, her lawyers are seeking $129,922 from Jon Eardley, an attorney who has challenged Jamie Spears' control over his daughter, and $72,292 from her ex-boyfriend Adnan Ghalib. Both Eardley and Ghalib were also ordered to stay away from the pop star.

A judge has yet to sign off on the request, people.com reports.

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Kate lashes out at gossipers

DAMAGE CONTROL Kate Gosselin, mother of eight and star of the hit reality show Jon & Kate Plus 8, is fighting back at reports that she has been having a more-than-platonic relationship with Steve Neild, a bodyguard who frequently travels with her and her family, people.com reports.

Two weeks after stories linked her husband, Jon Gosselin, with a 23-year-old schoolteacher, Gosselin says she is now the target of tabloid lies.

"The next story coming out from the animals that stalk us is about our security person and his family," Kate tells People. "Already the allegations they're making about me are disgusting, unthinkable, unfathomable, and I am horrified.

"These are people who absolutely love us and want to see us through to the end," Gosselin says of Neild and his family.

"Of course, both of them travel with us at times, and we've spent holidays together, because, in this situation, your circle grows smaller and smaller, and it's very natural to become friends with your manager, your publicist, your security team ... they're the only people you have left. And now they're coming under fire." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Oprah praises private jets, big homes to grads

PRACTICAL ADVICE Oprah Winfrey stopped by Duke University to give a commencement speech.

To inspire the new college graduates, the talk-show queen extolled the joys of wealth, according to Gawker. "It's great to have a nice home. It's great to have nice homes! It's great to have a nice home that just escaped the fire in Santa Barbara," she told the students.

"It's great to have a private jet. Anyone that tells you that having your own private jet isn't great is lying to you." METRO WORLD NEWS

Brooke speaks out

HER SIDE Brooke Shields is finally getting out her side of the alleged Kiefer Sutherland head-butting story from last week.

"While at the party, she was bumped into by Jack McCollough and Kiefer Sutherland became concerned," Shields' rep said in a statement, according to Hollyscoop. "Kiefer has always been a gentleman in her company. Both Jack and Kiefer are friends of Ms. Shields and she regrets this unfortunate situation."

Sutherland turned himself in to New York police last Thursday after the incident, and was charged with assault. METRO WORLD NEWS

Jessica can't Remember That

OOPS Jessica Simpson had another déjà vu moment, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The website says the singer was left lost for words again onstage in California on Friday night when she forgot the lyrics to her song Remember That.

The pop star famously flubbed her Dolly Parton tribute song during a 2006 performance at the Kennedy Centre Honours in Washington, D.C. — and then forgot the words to the same song two other times this year.

She tried to play down the gaffe with humour, telling the California audience, "I always forget this," adding "I didn't write it." The singer then joked, "It just comes with the whole Jessica Simpson thing." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Jennifer's lessons from past loves

THE REALIST Jennifer Aniston is learning some lessons from her very public past love life.

In the new issue of Cosmopolitan U.K., the actress opens up about what she's taken away from her experiences.

"I don't think a perfect relationship exists," she says. "But I do think that many of us think it does and we're just fooling ourselves.

"Whoever said that everything has to be forever? That's unrealistic or hoping for too much. I don't think it's worth all that pressure." METRO WORLD NEWS

GETTY IMAGES

MJ sued for breaking contract?

DOUBLE TIMING Concert promoters are battling to block Michael Jackson's series of live concerts in London this summer — accusing the star of breaking an earlier agreement to make his comeback with them — femalefirst.co.uk is alleging.

The pop superstar is currently preparing to take to the stage in London for his first gigs since 2001 — a run of 50 dates at the city's O2 Arena, starting in July — but bosses at AllGood Entertainment are seeking to block the shows, saying they entered an agreement with Jackson's manager, Frank Dileo, in 2008, promising the star would appear with his sister Janet Jackson and their brothers on tour.

Jackson was allegedly prohibited from making another concert deal for 18 months as part of the contract, but he violated the blackout clause when he signed up for the London concert series.

The website alleges the promoters have sent a cease and desist letter to the Jackson's London concert organizers. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Biel and the Mother Lovers

SUPPORTIVE GIRLFRIEND Jessica Biel says she was as shocked as everyone else to see her boyfriend Justin Timberlake's raunchy new video Mother Lover with Andy Samberg on Saturday Night Live this past weekend, usmagazine.com reports.

The video showed the two leaving prison. They realize they've forgotten Mother's Day, but no worries — they have a plan.

"I'm a mother lover, you're a mother lover," they rap, suggesting they sleep with each other's mothers.

"I thought it was amazing," Biel told MTV News. "I mean, it was so wrong, it's right. Just so wrong, it had to be right." METRO NEWS SERVICES

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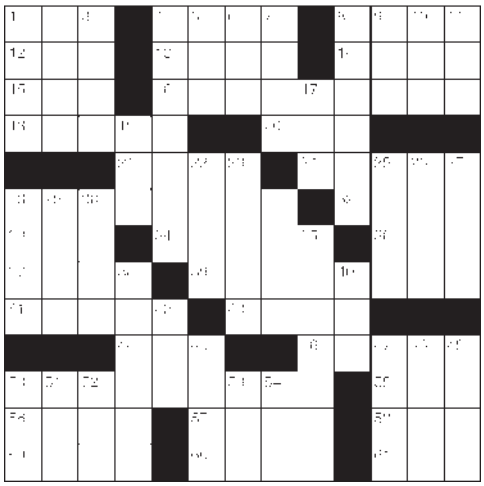

Crossword across

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4 Garden intruder
8 Cougar
12 Exist
13 Bullets and such
14 Unyielding
15 Meadow
16 Country quaintness
18 Yuletide rendition
20 A billion years
21 Conks on the noggin
24 Halos
28 Poison level
32 Witty one
33 Mess up
34 Gold measure
36 Cowboy's sweetie
37 Bound
39 Keri Russell series
41 Trustworthy
43 Shed tears
44 Shelter
46 In a stunned state
50 Means of betrayal
55 "— Got a Secret"
56 Needle case
57 Sharpen
58 Fresh
59 Flex
60 On the — (unfriend-ly)
61 See 43-Across

Crossword down

1 Body powder
2 Vicinity
3 Tolerate
4 Spelling whiz?
5 Ostrich's kin
6 Ambulance abbr.
7 Love not wisely but too well
8 Park outing
9 Spoon-bender Geller
10 Witticism
11 Whatever amount
17 Charged bit
19 Kimono closer
22 Chanteuse Edith
23 Scatter about
25 Creche trio
26 Unruly kid
27 Without doing anything
28 Reveal
29 Sandwich treat
30 Picture of health?
31 Eli's campus
35 1960s T-shirt patterns
38 Wan
40 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
42 Mainlander's memento
45 Vocal comeback
47 Galvanizing matter
48 Eternally
49 Moist, in the morning
50 Society newbie
51 Multipurpose truck
52 Bit of wordplay
53 Debtor's letters
54 Stick with a kick

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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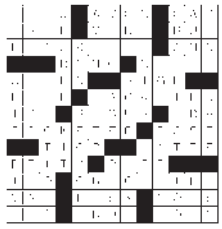

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17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
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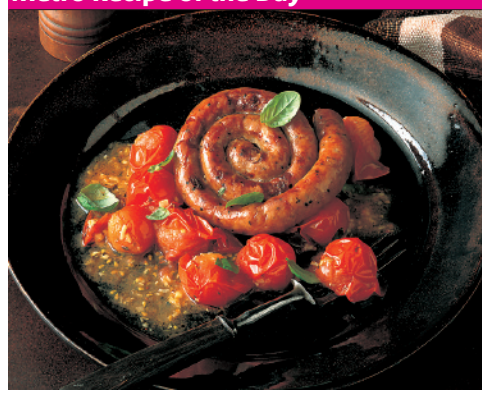

Italian Spirals with Burst Tomatoes

INGREDIENTS:
1 lb (450 g) thin Italian sausage (salsiccia)
2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil
2 cloves garlic
1 tsp (5 ml) dried oregano
1/2 tsp (2 ml) dried chili flakes
1 1/2 lb (680 g) cherry tomatoes
Salt and black pepper

GARNISH:
Fresh basil leaves

METHOD:
1. Preheat broiler to high. Cut sausage into quarters and wind lengths into coils. Pass thin metal skewer horizontally through each coil, then arrange all four on rack of grill pan.
2. Heat oil in large frying pan. Peel garlic and crush into oil. Then add oregano and chili flakes and fry gently 30 seconds, without allowing crushed garlic to change colour.
3. Spread tomatoes on top of garlic and chili, cover and cook over low heat 10–12 minutes, or until most tomatoes have burst and are half-submerged in juices.
4. Broil sausage coils 5–6 minutes per side, turning about to ensure even browning.
5. Uncover tomatoes, raise heat to moderate and cook 5 minutes, or until juices have thickened. Press lightly with back of spoon to ensure that all tomatoes have burst.
6. Season tomato sauce to taste with salt and pepper, then pour onto four warmed serving plates and put sausage coils in centres. Rinse and dry basil leaves, strip from stems, and scatter over top.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A mistake you made earlier in the year will return to embarrass you today but it's really no big deal so don't get worked up about it.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Try not to get so caught up in your own problems today that you miss the chance to help a friend or family member sort out their own little difficulty.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
If your work load is getting too much for you, and if friends and colleagues keep piling more tasks on you, then it's about time you called a halt.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You may be ultra enthusiastic about a new plan or project but you need to be realistic about how it is going to cut into your time — and what it could cost.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You sometimes make a tempting target for those who enjoy dragging larger-than-life types down to their level. Don't make it easy for them.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
If you let slip any kind of personal information today you will regret it tomorrow and maybe even a long time into the future.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
The more others try to tell you that you should change your ways the more certain you can be that you are doing exactly the right thing. They envy you.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
As mind planet Mercury moves back into your opposite sign, you must avoid sloppy thinking at all costs.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You may be of the opinion that if you turn your back someone will stick a knife in it, but have you any genuine reason to be so suspicious?

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You will be asked to take part in an activity that will take up a considerable amount of your time and energy, but do you have it to spare? Think hard.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You may be inclined to do something drastic but what you do in haste will most likely be repented at your leisure, so think before you act.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
If you don't know all the facts about a particular situation you are strongly advised not to draw any conclusions, especially about other's motives.

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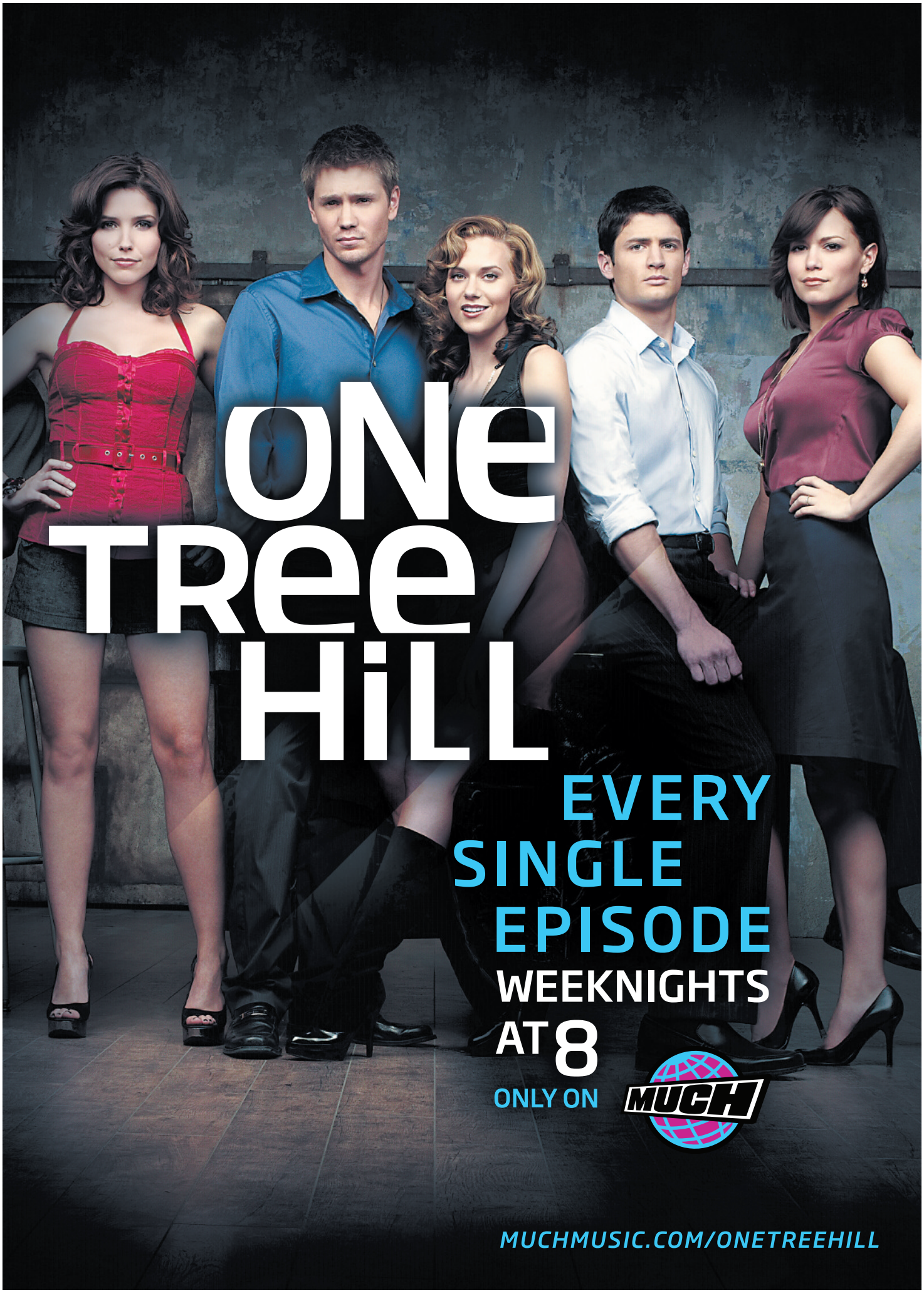
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